modern facilities required for pursuing research in new and frontier areas of science.

—Science and technology based training for entrepreneurial development.

—Financial assistance is rendered by nationalised banks to enterprising unemployed Science and Technology personnel.

—Introduction of flexible complementing scheme in the scientific departments/organisations.

—Delegation of enhanced administrative and financial powers to scientific institutions to improve working conditions of scientists.

—Provision of facilities for import of equipment for professionals returning from abroad.

—Launch of manpower development training/retraining programmes through offering of associateships/fellowships/courses etc.

—Introduction of special schemes to provide assistance to scientists for attending international conferences besides enabling young scientists to attend specialised training programmes outside India.

Construction of a Building in Kanpur Cantonment

3036. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cantonment Board, Kanpur has allowed the construction of a huge building within Mahatma Gandhi Park, Kanpur by some private entrepreneurs;

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions, rental charges, total build-up and surrounded areas given to the party by the Board along with the period of tenancy;

(c) whether complaints in this regard have recently been received from the Members of Parliament;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the entrepreneurs have also taken possession of a nearby pedestrian footpath and the water-well of the park; and

(f) what action is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) Cantonment Board, Kanpur permitted a hotel to replace its roof and add one room on the 1st floor of its existing building. The lease was initially granted for a period of 5 years but it has since been reduced to 3 years. The built-up area of the building is 94 sq. mtrs. and surrounding area is 244 sq.mtrs. Rent for the built up area is Rs. 1250/- per month while for the surrounding area it is Rs. 381/- per month. It has been decided to increase the rent of the built-up area to Rs. 1500/- per month after the completion of the renovation of the building.

(c) and (d) A telegram dated the 6th June, 1990 was received from Shri V. Srinivasa Prasad, MP, alleging that unauthorised construction in Pandit Hotel in Mahatma Gandhi Park Kanpur Cantonment was still going on. On investigation it was revealed that the said construction had been authorised by the Cantonment Board.

(e) The foot-path and the well are open to the public for use.

(f) Does not arise.

Letters received in Prime Minister's Office

3037. SHRI NALLASIVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered letters containing suggestions from the general public, public servants, MLA's and MPs' belonging to Himachal Pradesh received in the Prime Minister's Office since the assumption of Office by the present Prime Minister;